Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* What are the main reasons for shifting the court-house from its present location ?

Mr. President: Congestion of space in the public offices.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* What is the approximate expenditure?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Those things are being worked out.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Have the Government any idea of what the cost to Government will be?

Mr. President: You will get all the details in one or two months' time.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* For how long has the present building been standing ?

Mr. President: You are a senior member. You ought to know better.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* They have been standing there for 50 years.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Whether Government intend to take up this work in 1116?

Mr. President: We have not decided. The only thing that has been done is to fix up the site tentatively. We are aware that the present public offices are congested. So, we thought that we might probably consider the problem of putting up of a new building to house all the courts, and we have tentatively fixed up the site. Just now the preliminary plan is being prepared. After knowing the approximate cost and other things, we will decide how much we can afford to spend. This has not taken any definite shape.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Have Government any idea of the congestion in the library in the High Court? It is like a godown.

LEVEL CROSSING—NEAR PUNKUNNAM RAILWAY STATION—CONVERSION INTO OVERBRIDGE OR TUNNEL

63. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have considered the necessity of converting the railway level-crossing on the Trichur-Kunnamkulam road near the Punkunnam railway station into an overbridge or an underground tunnel;

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(*b*) if not, why?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) and (*b*) The traffic on the road does not justify the construction of an overbridge or underground tunnel.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The rail-road is a little diverging here. Buses and cars might meet with accidents by colliding with railway trains. Will the Government be pleased to shift the bus route from this road to the western Nadakkavu?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is an A class level-crossing and it is attended by the railway watchman and there are gates. There is no room for apprehension.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has any accident come to the Government's notice?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to consider the question of diverting the bus route?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is a matter for the Municipality to decide.

BRIDGES ON ERNAKULAM-PEPATHIPARA ROAD— WIDENING OF

64. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the width of the two bridges near Thuruthikkara in the Ernakulam-Pepathipara road;

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to widen the bridges immediately?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The bridges have a clear width of 10 ft. and 10 ft. 3 in. respectively.

(*b*) There is no immediate necessity to widen the bridges.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* What will be the width of 1 ton buses?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* 6 feet 8 inches.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to note that the space left between the buses and the sides of the bridge will only be one foot?

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